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WHO UNHAPPILY ARE

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By DOCTOR SPECULUM.

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D E D I C A T E D

TO

*Honest* JOHN BULL.

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[ *Price Threepence.* ]

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## DEDICATION.

FRIEND JOHN,

THERE is no one to whom I am so ambitious to dedicate a few Lines as *yourself*—convinced of the purity of your Intentions, and your general Desire to maintain upright and honest Motives,—the profound Respect so exalted a Character merits, has prompted me, without any Design of Flattery, Friend John, to select *you*, and elect *you*, to accept this as a Tribute of Veneration from,

Your sincere Well-wisher,

DOCTOR SPECULUM.

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AN unfeigned Interest for the Welfare of Mankind has influenced the DOCTOR—who has of late beheld, with heart-felt Sorrow, so numerous a Class of his Brethren, **TOOK-MAD!**—to implicate a *Cau-  
tion*, as a Preventative against the Promotion of so baneful a Contagion as is frequently deducible from such unfortunate *Madness!!!*—The DOCTOR cannot help lamenting the late  
Increase

Increase of it requires no Waste should be made of *Time*——that would impede suitable Means for its Destruction.—— The better to guard against the many Evils of which it is so dreadfully productive, the DOCTOR will, as brief as possible, introduce a Description of the general Rise and Progress of this disastrous Malady, —— thereby hoping such a Demonstration may very much assist whatever Attempts may be made to baffle and destroy its poisonous and corruptive Qualities.

*First*, It begins to appear from a Series of settled and determined Wickedness——setting absolute Defiance to the RULES or PRINCIPLES of VIRTUE, or any thing that may be derived from so pure a Source.

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2dly. The *chilly* Act of *Robbing* is very conducive thereto; nay, every Species of Fraud certainly accelerates the Disease; for, what can more transform the Mind, then the fervile Practice of abject Delusion, arrogating that Right which belongs to another, and persevering to keep Pace with Existence, by exercising every petty Artifice which may suggest an alluring Propensity to accomplish any Purpose an abandoned Imagination can thirst for — Such a Circumstance, blended with so many Evils as naturally attach to a Case so unfortunate, must in the highest Degree quicken the Disease, and never more so then when a poor helpless \**Widow* and *Children* are injured!

\* A Man TOOK-MAD, should his Senses ever return, may probably recollect a Mistake of this Sort.

Then



Then the Ties of Nature are fractured beyond human Reparation. Here, the Mind revolts at Recollection! Here, to ponder, is to be **TOOK-MAD** indeed! What Man can support a Reflection of having denied Succour where he was in duty bound to protect? and that Protection the innocent Claim of distressed Woman? Oh Shame! Shame! What a Picture of over-strained Infamy — what a polluted Stain to Credit and to **HONOUR** — but how much forer must Reputation be — how much more blasted the Dignity that belongs to Manhood — when it can be incontrovertibly ascertained. Not only Protection is with-held from a friendless Female, but pecuniary Means, the just and lawful Demand of Widowed Right — with-held also, by  
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an usurping Despoiler, who would, if Opportunity allowed, execute Deeds coloured with the deepest Hue of Baseness; and glut his insatiate Wantonness to the total Destruction of the Happiness and well-being of his Fellow-creatures. What clearer Symptoms then these of being **TOOK-MAD!**

3dly. Envy will also add to it considerably. Envy, has something in its Compound at all Times (if you observe) inclined to Opposition, and never can disguise its dissolute Gangrene when it comes in Contact with ought that is estimable; on the other Hand, *then*, it most ferments — nor ever knows so much *Disquietude* as at such a Juncture; this makes its envenomed Rash

bolt



bolt forth replete with the most ruffled Emotions which can possibly result from pale-shaded Spleen or consummated Gall. The Result of all this you may rely on it, is in being **TOOK-MAD!**

*4thly.* Hatred and Malice likewise do their Parts toward it. Hence it is, that rank Asperity inflames the Seat of the Senses, and by the contaminating Shafts emanating therefrom, cankers the glorious Basis of Reason—disannuls its splendid Attributes, making a total Wreck of that Fabric whereon Wisdom should be permanent. From which we may with the utmost Propriety infer, this is an undeniable Indication of being **TOOK-MAD.**

*5thly.* **CHEAT-**



5<sup>thly</sup>. CHEATING of TRADESMEN, by getting in their Debt, without ever meaning to pay them, is a bitter Provocative, this tells them they have disgraced the Appellation (most are anxious to retain) *i. e.* of Man.

I shall before the Conclusion, point out another Cause, then which few have a greater Tendency to excite being TOOK-MAD: *i. e.* mingling with disorderly and riotous People—and haranguing upon Carts or Mountebank Stages—violent Speeches to delude People from honest Paths into Paths of Wretchedness. This is a *very great* token of being TOOK-MAD.

The DOCTOR is unwilling to omit adding, GAMING greatly facilitates this Disease. The anxiety to get another Person's Property so palsies Reason,

son, and violates the Senses, that it may be accounted as *malignant* a Root of it as any. Yet notwithstanding where old Acquaintances profess much Friendship for each other, by this means they *shake* Hands together very earnestly.

From the foregoing Causes *be assured*, immense Numbers are **TOOK-MAD**. And from a pure Motive to fortify Mankind against a Calamity so direful, the DOCTOR takes this Opportunity to disseminate a *Caution*.

There are many, very many of his Fellow-creatures so amiably and honestly disposed to the Dictates of Reason and Morality, possessive of Hearts stedfastly inclined to honour and reverence



rence their great Creator, by signifying universal Concern for “Fellowship and good will,” who, rather than ensnare the Minds of Men from the wholesome Institution of Order and Obedience, would hold up the following sacred and useful Lesson, “Fear God, honour the King, and love the Brethren.”

The DoCTOR cannot take his leave without saying—it is a Pity those who mean well—should ever be TOOK-MAD.

Reflect on Errors past, regard the Time to come,  
Your profit will encrease, and better be your doom.  
None will be TOOK-MAD then, but all *serene* and *clear*,  
Sweet Harmony prevail, and Discord disappear.

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Exhibition of Love

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